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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, USA,
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

SUBJECT : Proposed Weapons and Space Systems
Intelligence Committee

1. Attached are proposals for a charter and an LOI for a new weapons and space committee of the USIB. If adopted, the committee would be known as the Weapon and Space Systems Intelligence Committee (WSSIC). GMAIC would be abolished.

2. I have studied several alternative ways to structure the new committee and conclude that the charter shown in Attachment A represents the best choice from the standpoint of accomplishing the committee's mission. At the same time it allows for efficient personnel use and effective internal coordination between working elements.

3. Since the main objective of the committee will be the assessment of the characteristics, performance and consequent threat of foreign weapons and space systems, the proposed organizational structure has been designed around the technical analysis of entire weapon systems. The WSSIC, along with each of its subcommittees and working groups, would be staffed as prescribed in DCID 1/3 except that Treasury will not be represented.

4. One of the problems implicit in an organization dealing with such an array of complex and dissimilar topics is the matter of staffing. The main committee in particular will require representatives of extremely broad scope to effectively manage the variety of problems that must be addressed. This is a manageable problem although use of a number of properly qualified alternate members or advisors probably will be required. Similarly, the subcommittees would require members who are closely involved in the analysis efforts in their respective organizations. The job cannot be done by a group of "meeting goers."

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5. If the proposed charter (Attachment A) and LOI (Attachment B) are found acceptable, I will review the responsibilities and structure of WSSIC in about six months from its inception and report to you any additional recommendations I might have at that time.

6. The views presented here are mine. I have not consulted other parts of the intelligence community.



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R. E. HINEMAN
Chairman

Attachments:

- A. Proposed Charter
- B. Proposed LOI

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